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INSTRUCTIONS AND RULES

*To be observed by the Muster-master General
and his Deputies, and the Officers of the
Guards of Horse, Foot and Halberdeers,
and other the Officers of Troops and Com-
panies of His MAJESTIES Army
in this Kingdom of Ireland. As also all
Officers, Ministers and Artificers of the
Train of Artillery and Wards here.*

BY THE

Lord Lieutenant General and General
Governour of Ireland.



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I.

THat the Muster-Master General
by himself and his Deputies, are
to muster all the Guards of
Horse, Foot and Halberdeers, and all the
Troops and Companies of his Majesties
Army, Officers, Ministers and Artificers
of the Train of Artillery, ad all Wards
within the said Kingdom of *Ireland*,
every three moneths at least, or as often
as we shall think fit.

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That the Deputy Muster-masters, who are appointed to muster the Guards, Troops and Companies, and Train of Artillery aforesaid, in their several Garisons or Quarters, are not to give notice of their purpose so to do, until late in the evening. And then they are to give notice to the Governour or Officer, commanding in chief the said Garison or Quarter, who is thereupon to have in a readines the Troops or Companies early next morning, every Officer and Souldier in his proper Armes and Furniture, at the usual and accustomed place, or such other place as the Deputy Muster-master shall appoint. Where the Captain of each Troop and Company is to have in a readines two Muster-Rolls, containing the names of the Officers and Souldiers, fairly written alphabetically according to the Surnames, as is now usual. And that the Deputy Muster-master before

before he proceeds to muster the Troop or Company, do take an account of the Ranks and Files of each Troop and Company, and after he hath fornumbred them, to call the Officers and Souldiers particularly, placing a cypher before their names, signifying their being present, and if any be absent, sick, dead, discharged or run away, they are to be written so on their names. And after the Roll is so called, the Deputy Muster-master is to count the Ranks and Files again, that so he may be assured there is not any wrong done by the Officers, in causing Souldiers to be mustered twice, or mistake on his own part by marking more or less than he ought. And that such men as are to be entertained that muster in the rooms of any dead, discharged, or run away, be entered for that Muster at the latter end of the Roll, and after brought into the Alphabet. After the Muster, the Deputy Muster-master is to close the Roll with the Officers, according

ding to the usual manner, one Roll to be signed by the Captain and all Commissioned Officers present, which is to be delivered to the Deputy Muster-master to be by him sent to the Muster-master General; according to which Muster-Roll, Warrants are to be drawn for their pay: And the other Roll is to be signed by the Deputy Muster-master, which is to be delivered to the Captain, to be produced by him at the next Muster for an Examining Roll, to the end if any Souldiers be wanting, it may be known what is become of them, whether dead, discharged or run away: and that thereby the Muster-master General may be able to render an account to Us from time to time of such Souldiers as are received into any Troup or Company in the Army, and those likewise that go forth.

III.

The Muster-master General and his Deputies are not to permit any Officer or Souldier in the Army to pass muster, unless

less they shall produce a Certificate under the hand of the Bishop of the Diocess, upon a Certificate made to him under the hand and seal of the lawful Minister of the Parish wherein they are quartered or Garrisoned, that they had received the blessed Sacrament of the holy Communion, according to the Discipline of the Church of *Ireland*, the *Easter* or the *Christmas* next preceding the said muster : and this to be done once every year.

IV.

That no Captain shall present at the muster, any Officer or Souldier to be absent by Licence, except the same be under Our hand, which Licence is to be entred in the Muster-master Generals Office, and the time limited set down on the muster Roll : and that the entertainment of all Non-Commissioned Officers & Souldiers, licenced to go out of the Kingdom, be stayed in the Treasurers hands ; and if they shall return within the time limited, Warrant shall

shall be granted forthwith to the Treasurer for the payment of their whole entertainment during their said Licence: But if they return not within the time limited, then their whole entertainment to be chequed, except they produce a Certificat or Testimonial from the Mayor, or other chief Officer of the Port from whence they shall ship themselves, that they were ready to come, but were stayed by casualty of contrary winds and weather, or for want of passage, or by sickness. And in case any Officer or Souldier, who is licenced to be absent from his duty within the Kingdom, out-stay the time limited, then his pay is to be chequed for such time, and the Cheque not to be taken off but by special Order in writing from Us.

V.

That if any Officer or Souldier be absent from his muster, then he be returned absent, and lose the benefit of such muster, unless it be in case of sickness. which is to appear

appear by view of the Deputy Muster-master, on by authentick Certificate, if the person sick be far distant, or that they have special Licence from Us as afore said.

VI

That no Captain give Licence to any private Souldier under his Command to be absent above fourteen dayes, and no such Licence to be of force, if any Souldier be absent at muster.

VII

That no Commissioned Officer shall pass muster till he first produce his Commission to the Deputy Muster-master, and the same entred in the Muster-master Generals Office, to the end he may receive his pay accordingly, and that the Muster-master General may the better render an account to Us of all the Commissioned Officers of the Army from time to time, as the same shall be required.

VIII

That if any Officer or Souldier be at

any time taken prisoner, then, upon attestation of the Captain, or other Officer commanding the Troop or Company, the said prisoner is to be allowed on the musters during his imprisonment.

IX. That no Officer shall entertain any person in the room of any Souldier, dead, discharged, or run away out of any Troop or Company, till the next muster day, and his pay to commence from that day forward, and no sooner.

X. Taking into Our consideration the evil consequence of Officers discharging their Souldiers irregularly: No Officer shall from henceforth discharge any Souldier mustered in his Troop or Company, until such Souldier be discharged by a Court Marshal, or by order in writing from Us, or by the Souldiers consent at muster, upon pain of being cashiered.

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That no Captain, or other Officer of the Army shall in the tender or presentment of his Musters, use any fraud, practice or deceit, whereby the Muster-master General or his Deputies may be misled, mistaken or prevented of the due understanding of the true state of that Company or Troop: upon pain of loss of his place, and such other ignominious punishment as by a Marshal Court shall be thought fit.

XII.

That every Officer and Souldier of the Army, and Officers, Ministers and Artificers of the Train of Artillery, take the Oathes of Allegiance and Supremacy, or else not to be allowed on the Musters.

XIII.

That the Officers make no contract or agreement with any of the Souldiers of the Army for less pay than is allowed them by His Majesties Establishment, to which end the Muster-master General and his Deputies

ties are hereby strictly required to use all means possible to inquire what Officers do make any such contract, who being satisfied therein, are forthwith to inform Us of the same. And such Officers and Souldiers so offending, shall forthwith be discharged the Army and suffer such other punishment as we shall think fit. And this Our pleasure we require the Deputy Muster-masters to publish every Muster at the head of each Troop and Company, to the end no Officer or Souldier may plead ignorance herein.

XIV.

That no Souldier be suffered to pass muster upon a borrowed Horse, or with borrowed Arms or Furniture, and that his Horse be serviceable, and not under Fourteen Handfuls high.

XV.

That the Officers being supplied with convenient and necessary Arms and Furniture belonging to their severall Troups and Companies

Companies, the Muster-master General and his Deputies are required to take special care at the musters taken by them, that the Souldiers armes be well fixed, and that all the Fire-arnes of the Foot be of one bore. And if they shall find any Souldiers armes unfixt on the muster-day, they shall mark the same on such Souldiers name in the muster Roll, and the said Souldier shall be chequed for every such defective armes the Cheques following, viz.

*For a Sword every moneth two dayes pay ;
The like for Pikes, Musquets, Bandaleers,
Pistols, Carbines and Holfsters.*

XVI.

That no Souldier that is an Inhabitant of any Town or Garrison, and a Tradesman being well able to live of himself, shall be suffered to pass muster, unless he will reside constantly in his Garrison, and be fit and ready upon all occasions for service, to be

be drawn into the field, and be well trained in the exercise of his armes.

XVII.

That no Souldier in muster answer for another, or muster by a false name, upon pain of death, and the Officer that presents such Souldier to be cashiered.

XVIII.

That the Deputy Muster master have a sufficient Convoy from Gariton to Garison when they are mustering.

XIX.

That no Officer or Souldier presume to taunt, revile, or pick a quarrel with any of the Deputy Muster-masters, but shall quietly suffer him or them to examine, demand or inquire any Souldiers name, the Country from whence he came, and time of his being in this Kingdom, and to take any note or mark of the Soldiers at his or their pleasure: And if any Officer or Souldier shall offend herein, severe punishment shall be inflicted on him or them, as oppugners of His Majesties Authority,

Authority, and breakers of our Orders and Instructions, as We shall think fit.

XX.

That the Muster-master General do from time to time alter and change his Deputies to muster in such Circuits and Precincts as he in his discretion shall think fit; and not to permit them to muster in one and the same precinct constantly.

XXI.

That if any of the Deputy Muster-masters shall at any time abuse the trust committed to his care, by conniving with the Officers to make a false Muster, or taking from any Officer or Souldier any bribe or present whatsoever upon account of mustering, he shall forfeit his Employment, and suffer such further punishment as We shall think fit.

XXII.

For the better putting in execution the aforesaid Orders and Instructions, The Muster-master General and his several Deputies

puties within this Kingdom, in discharge of the great trust reposed in them, are required with all care and diligence strictly to observe the same. And if any of the said Deputy Muster-masters in any measure omit, or neglect to put in execution the Rules and Directions before exprest, he shall be dismiss from his said Employment, and suffer such other punishment as We shall think fit. And we require all the Officers of the Guards, and other the Officers of the Army and Train of Artillery in this His Majesties Kingdom to take due notice hereof, and to yield due obedience hereunto, as they will answer the contrary at their perils.

Given at his Majesties Castle of *Dublin* the first day of *August*, 1667.

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